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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAKI OKADA ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/627,737 ) Group Art Unit: 2812  
Filed: July 28, 2003 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS )  
AND RECORDING CONTROL )  
APPARATUS ) June 21, 2004

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
8-140027	Japan	May 31, 1996

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /TH/

### REMARKS

The JP '027 patent document corresponds to Japanese patent Application No. 06-272030 filed November 7, 1994, to Takeo Kawase, et al., Publication No. 08-140027, published May 31, 1996. An English translation of the JP '027 patent document is not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provide if required by the Examiner. A partial English translation of the Japanese document including those portions believed by Applicant to be particularly pertinent to the present invention (Fig. 2 and paragraph nos. [0011] to [0016]) is provided herewith for the Examiner's consideration. An English abstract for the JP '027 reference obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

### FEE STATEMENT

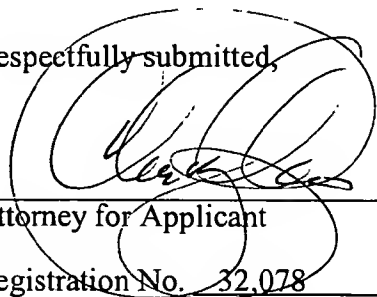
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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